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Dear Congressman Hall:

Honorable Tony P. Hall House of Representatives

This is in reply to your letter of February 23, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the <u>Notice</u>, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Shiben

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my concerns about Federal Communications Commission PR Docket No. 92-235, especially its impact on remote controlled model aviation, which currently occupies the 72-76 megahertz band. I have heard from a number of my constituents on this issue and I strongly urge you to take into account the concerns of model airplane hobbyists in the final regulations.

My constituents are concerned about the reduction of frequencies from fifty to nineteen. They also believe that channel spacing of 6.25 kilohertz or less is not sufficient to avoid safety problems caused by the potential of losing control of model aircraft that could have wingspans of up to ten feet; weigh as much as 30-40 pounds; and fly in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Tony P. Hall

Member of Congress

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